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SUBJECT: ITALIAN REGIONAL ELECTIONS: EARLY RETURNS SHOW HEAVY
PCI GAINS

REF: ROME 8480

1. WITH 96 PERCENT OF THE VOTE COUNTED THE FOLLOWING PARTIAL
NATIONWIDE RESULTS EMERGE FROM THE JUNE 15-16 REGIONAL
ELECTIONS: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS 35 PERCENT; SOCIALISTS 12 PER-
CENT; SOCIAL DEMOCRATS 5.6 PERCENT; REPUBLICANS 3.2 PERCENT;
COMMUNISTS 33.7 PERCENT; PROLETARIAN UNITY PARTY 1.4 PERCENT;
LIBERALS 2.5 PERCENT; FAR RIGHT MSI 6.4 PERCENT; OTHER LISTS
.2 PERCENT.

2. THESE PARTIAL RESULTS SHOW THE FOLLOWING PERCENTAGE CHANGES
FROM THE RESULTS OF THE 1972 NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN THE 15
REGIONS VOTING JUNE 15-16: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS DOWN 3.4
PERCENT; SOCIALISTS UP 2.2 PERCENT; SOCIAL DEMOCRATS UP .4 PERCENT;
REPUBLICANS UP .3 PERCENT; COMMUNISTS UP 5.4 PERCENT; LIBERALS
DOWN 1.4 PERCENT; MSI DOWN 1.7 PERCENT; AND EXTREME LEFT
FRINGE DOWN 1.5 PERCENT.

3. FOREGOING STATISTICS INDICATE A GENERAL SHIFT TO LEFT.
AS ANTICIPATED, DC LOST TO LEFT, WITH LOSSES BEING MITIGATED
BY GAINS FROM RIGHT (LIBERALS) AND FAR RIGHT (MSI). LARGE
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COMMUNIST (PCI) AND RELATIVELY SMALL SOCIALIST (PSI) GAINS ARE

INCONSISTENT WITH PRE-ELECTION PREDICTIONS OF VIRTUALLY ALL OBSERVERS,
INCLUDING LEADING MEMBERS OF SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST PARTIES.
SIZE OF COMMUNIST GAIN, IN PARTICULAR, DUE IN PART TO FACT
(A) THAT MAJORITY OF VOTES THAT MOVED LEFT WENT TO PCI AND NOT
SOCIALISTS AND (B) THAT EXTREME LEFT FRINGE VOTE RETURNED TO
COMMUNIST PARTY RATHER THAN GOING FURTHER LEFT TO NEWLY FORMED
PROLETARIAN UNITY PARTY.VOLPE

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